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## Calendar of Events

### **Indiana GIS Initiative Committee Meeting**

*Indiana Government Center  
Conference Rooms 4 & 5  
August 16, 1999  
9:30-11:30 am*

### **URISA Annual Conference and Technical Exposition**

[www.urisa.com](http://www.urisa.com)

*Chicago, IL  
August 21 - 25, 1999*

### **Assoc. of Indiana Counties Annual Conference GIS Workshop**

*Zebndon & Hanson Rooms  
Courtyard Marriott,  
Bloomington IN  
September 22, 1999  
8:30-9:45 am  
Travis Worl 317-684-3710  
for more information*

### **National Geography Awareness Week**

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>

*November 15-19, 1999*

### **GIS Day 1999**

<http://www.gisday.com/>  
*Various Indiana locations  
November 19, 1999*

# Indiana GIS Initiative

To: INGISI Committee  
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## Meeting Announcement

The Indiana GIS Initiative will meet at the Indiana Government Center Conference Rooms 4 & 5 from 9:30 to 11:30 am on **August 16, 1999.**

### AGENDA

1) The INGISI Technical Subcommittees have been busy working on project plans and will present their reports and findings. Included will be a discussion of recommendations for Indiana's metadata core "profile" and findings from the Web Development Subcommittee.

2) State agencies have united to discuss GIS coordination issues. Donise Stahl (DPOC) will provide highlights and updates from the Indiana State Agencies GIS Task Force.

3) Updates on steering committee meetings and review/revise the INGISI draft mission statement:  
*"Improving the quality of life for the people of Indiana through the integration of advanced technologies."*

4) Access Indiana and the Web Development Subcommittee are re-doing our web site. See what's coming and offer your suggestions.



## Federal Geographic Data Committee Grants

Watershed Research, an Indianapolis-based environmental consulting company, recently received two grants on behalf of the Indiana GIS Initiative.

Watershed Research was awarded a \$70,500 Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) "Don't Duck Metadata" grant for a consolidated proposal involving 18 partnering agencies and organizations in Indiana.

The grant will provide training for metadata use and development, and will establish the Indiana Geographic Information Catalog (metadata clearinghouse node) at the IUPUI University Library in Indianapolis.

FGDC Grants (continued)

In a second grant, the FGDC awarded the Indiana GIS Initiative \$6000 towards start-up expenses for 1999-2000.

INGISI Technical Subcommittees

At the May 1999 INGISI meeting, the following objectives of the INGISI were reviewed and approved:

Coordination of Indiana GIS through:

- a. dissemination of data and data products
- b. education and outreach
- c. building partnerships
- d. adoption of standards

To advance those objectives, technical subcommittees were formed and tasked with developing project plans for the INGISI.

There is still time! Please contact sub-committee chairs and participate.

- a. **Web development** (chair: Shelly Frohs 317-233-8566) - target: identify GIS clearinghouse web design/ database/ data distribution issues; resource needs
- b. **Metadata** (chair: Jill Saligoe-Simmel, 317-871-2934) - target: coordinate/ facilitate/ educate on minimum metadata elements; initial data inventory; metadata clearinghouse; requests for metadata
- c. **Education** (chair: Kathy McCarter 317-274-8400) - target: GIS conference; coordinate with other GIS education/ conference groups
- d. **Networking** (chair: Bruce Nielsen 317-290-3200, x349) - target: identify communication mechanisms for networking; develop "Who's Who" in Indiana GIS
- e. **Standards** (chair: Scott Russell 317-634-1000) - target: identify standards we should address; identify standards we should not address; prioritize standards we should address.

New Web Site Coming Soon!

Keep an eye out for our new web site coming October 1999. Access Indiana Information Network is designing our home page and layout. Here's what to expect:

- Calendar of Events
- Announcements
- Full documentation of INGISI activities, including meeting minutes, standards (TBA) and project plans
- Links to interactive Indiana maps
- Metadata tools and resources
- Links to the Indiana Geographic Information Catalog at IUPUI University Library
- Data links and future data clearinghouse functions
- Much more!

The URL will remain the same: [www.state.in.us/ingisi](http://www.state.in.us/ingisi)

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